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SUBJECT: COMMUNISTS CONVICTED

1. SUPREME MILITARY COURT JULY 15 CONVICTED SIX INDIVIDUALS FOR ILLEGAL COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, ACQUITTING SEVEN. HEAVIST PENALTY IMPOSED WAS FIVE YEARS IMMRISONMENT. THREE DEFENDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO THREE YEAR TERMS, ONE WILL BE INCARCERATED FOR TWO YEARS, WHILE FINAL INDIVIDUAL RECEIVED ONE YEAR SENTENCE. COURT REFUSED RULE ON WHETHER DEFENDANTS HAD "FOUNDED" COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION BUT FOUND THEM GUILTY OF ENGAGING IN ILLICIT ACTIVITY.

2. DEFENDANTS WERE ACCUSED OF MEMBERSHIP IN EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST LABOR RARTY. THIS PARTY, AS WELL AS EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WERE ORDERED "DISSOLVED" BY COURT VERDICT (ALTHOUGH NEITHER IS LEGAL ORGANIZATION IN ANY CASE). HEARINGS, WHICH HAVE GONE ON SINCE EARLY MARCH, WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY TAPE RECORDINGS OF CELL MEETINGS MADE BY POLICE INFORMANT. SAME INDIVIDUAL IMPLICATED PFLP WAS ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIER. NONE OF THOSE TRIED WERE PROMINENT IN LEFTIST CIRCLES, NOR WAS OFFICIAL LEFT PARTY IMPLICATED. (MEMBER LEFT PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY OF THOSE CHARGED.)
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3. ACCORDING PRESS, LAWYERS REPRESENTING "INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE" AND "INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION" ATTENDED SESSIONS AS OBSERVERS. SCARRITT

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